

three times and cannot agree on the language.

THE PRESIDENT: Is the problem with the language or the punctuation?

A note has been passed up to me which I would like to read to you.

All of the pages would like to express to the Convention their appreciation for the opportunity afforded to them by the Constitutional Convention.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. Chairman, I have just received a note from the chef at the Maryland Inn indicating that the main bill of fare for that Committee tonight is alphabet soup.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: We have recognized many of the workers of the staff of the Convention, but there is one person who is not really a member of the staff of the Convention, but has been so helpful to some of the delegates. I think we should recognize her. It is the secretary to the Attorney General, Janet Mutscheler.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gill.

DELEGATE GILL: Mr. President and fellow delegates, a lot has been said about the constitution. A lot has been said about the President and his staff, and a lot of other people that have helped to write the Constitution.

I did not want to say this before, because I thought it might be in a resolution, or someone else might say it, but I do not think the time should pass without it being mentioned.

I would like to commend the delegates and the City of Annapolis, and especially the business community, for the spirit of democracy that has been shown during the three months that we have been here. Once before I mentioned that Maryland was the United States in miniature, and I meant just that. I did not mean an America in miniature, because that is too all-inclusive.

I would like to say again that the members of this Constitutional Convention have been the United States in miniature again.

We come from Maryland, which represents so many different thoughts, so many different opinions, so many different backgrounds, and so much that is very, very different.

Personally I hope the other Negro delegates can say the same thing: I do not think that there has been anything that has caused us to feel that we were not treated as first-class citizens.

Just two years ago I would not have been able to stand on the floor and say that, because that was during the time when a lot of demonstrations were going on, and you could not enter a hotel or motel or restaurant; and it is just historical that the constitution is being written during this time when it is possible for the world to see that democracy does work and can work. And when each delegate goes back to his home, I hope he will remember this as a prime example that we can get along together. I do not think any American citizen wants anything but first-class citizenship, and just to be treated as an ordinary person, and I think that was done here.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen: I do not think that anything has been said during the course of the resolutions about the gratitude which this Convention owes to the members of the original Constitutional Convention Commission, of which you were the Chairman, and I think it would be appropriate at this time to record for the transcript of these proceedings our gratitude to the Commission for the two years of work which it did, and for the opportunity to have as our first consideration here the Commission draft, which proved to be so helpful and so fruitful.

The fact that it may not have been followed in all respects certainly is no indication that we did not find it eminently satisfactory as a point of origin and a point of departure.

I do think we owe all of those members, those who were elected here as delegates and those who were not, our thanks for those two years of hard work.

I would like to express the gratitude on behalf of our Convention.

The committee room is set up with cameras for a simulated committee meeting which I wish you would come to immediately for the purpose of a documentary film.

THE PRESIDENT: This is important, as it becomes part of the complete record that we are trying to maintain.